

FEMA and North Carolina Announce \$2.6 Million for Lumbee River Electric Cooperative

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DURHAM, N.C. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of North Carolina announced more than \$2.6 million to reimburse the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation for damage to its electrical system following Hurricane Florence.

The cooperative provides electrical service to Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties which were included in the presidential disaster declaration following Hurricane Florence.

High winds, rain and flooding caused by the hurricane damaged poles, lines and transformers in multiple counties.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost-sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs, and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state. FEMA's share for this project is nearly \$2 million and the state's share is more than \$650,000. The federal share is paid directly to the state, which disburses funds to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

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